

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Paragraph [0047] on page 26 so as to read as follows:

[0047]

The predetermined condition deletion step 301 ~~S301~~ is a condition such as a case of lack of memory capacity of the first storage unit 161, a case of elapse of a predetermined period after the image data is stored, and a case of storage of ~~grater~~ a greater number of image data than a predetermined number. The nullification at the step S302 includes not only a deletion process by which only management data stored in FAT is rewritten, but also a process for making recurrence of the image data significantly difficult by repeated overwriting of meaningless data such as data generated using random numbers and data in which just ones and zeros continue to the image data stored in the first storage unit 161. At step S302, the image data which is stored in the first storage unit 161 and not concealed is nullified. The concealment here is not the encryption in storing in the first storage unit 161, but processes such as the encryption in moving to the second storage unit 162 and setting the authentication information. At step S301, when the predetermined condition of deletion is not satisfied (S301: NO), after a predetermined period of waiting time, returning to step S301, the process is repeated.